

DANGEROUS SHIFTING OF BUOYS NEAR HALIFAX

VESSELS MOVING IN THE FOG NARROWLY ESCAPED GOING ON THE SAMBRO LEDGES

Commission Investigating Pilotage Affairs at Halifax Given Decided Surprise by Allegation of Captain Latter, Who Declares That Buoys Have Been Shifted by Naval People Without Warning Being Given—Liner Had Narrow Escape—Pilots Have Grievance.

Halifax, Feb. 11.—The commission appointed by the federal government to enquire into pilotage affairs was astounded this afternoon near the close of the second session by an announcement by Captain Latter of the harbor pilot boat. Captain Latter declared that "the naval people shifted buoys without warning and that vessels coming up in the fog narrowly escaped going on Sambro Ledges."

"Repeat that statement slowly," said Chairman Robb to the witness, and Captain Latter proceeded:

Vessels in Danger.

"A buoy moored six miles southeast from the Portuguese Shoals buoy off the harbor, and which was painted in black and white stripes, a combination has and whistling buoy, was discontinued or removed by the naval authorities early in the war, just about the start, I think. No pilots were notified. Then in the fall of 1915 this same buoy, of one similar in every respect, was placed at the entrance of what they called 'The Swept Channel.' Again no one was notified. The result was that ships

coming up to the buoy in the fog supposed they were making the position shown in the chart and steered west so that they narrowly escaped going ashore on Sambro Ledges."

"No notice of this shift was given to the pilots," asked Chairman Robb. "Absolutely none," replied the captain, nor to anyone else that I know of.

Another development of the enquiry was the evidence of J. E. DeWolfe, one of the Halifax pilot commissioners. Mr. DeWolfe said that some six or seven years ago the marine and fisheries department asked the pilot commission to draft new by-laws. The commission, assisted by Hector McInnes, K. C., did this and the new by-laws were sent to Ottawa. No notice was taken by the department. "They treated us with contempt," said Mr. DeWolfe. "We never heard a word and I urged upon the commission to resign in a body as a protest." The other witnesses examined were Secretary Crichton of the pilotage commission, Captain Neil Hall, port warden; Captain Rudolf, harbor master; Mr. Caldwell, agent for Robert Reid Company.

SUSPECT ENDS LIFE IN PRISON

Man Claiming to Be British Military Attache and Engaged on War Trade Work Commits Suicide.

Toronto, Feb. 11.—A military suspect named Pettingham, committed suicide in jail today.

According to the military police, he claimed to be attached to the British foreign office and engaged upon war trade work, more particularly in a contract deal between Serbia and Canada. He stated that his immediate chief was Mr. Osborne, third secretary, British Embassy, and also said he was a captain in the Duke of Lancaster's regiment. He said he had held the rank on active service in France and had taken part in the retreat from Mons, having charge of a section of the line of communication.

Lived Near Leeds.

He mentioned a brother, a naval officer, lost on H. M. S. Hampshire, and gave his address as Killinhill, near Leeds, England, and said his father was a director of the Elder Dempster Line. He claimed intimate friendship with such people as Lord Reading, Lord Robert Cecil, Sir John Hendrie, Lieut. Governor of Ontario and family; Sir Robert Borden and other well known people of Canada.

He claimed privileges at York, Toronto and National clubs, such privileges being extended on account of his being a British foreign office official. He also professed to have been to and from between Canada and Europe for some years before the war as a special correspondent for Northcliffe papers.

HENS AND PULLETS OUT OF MARKET

U. S. Government Forbids Trading in Egg Producers.

Washington, Feb. 11.—Trading in live or freshly killed hens and pullets anywhere in the United States is forbidden in an order announced today by the United States food administration. February 23 is fixed as the date when fresh stock must be disposed of and adds that additional stocks may not be purchased.

By restricting the killing of chickens which should be heavy layers, the food administration hopes to increase the production of eggs and allow them to be put in storage at a reasonable price.

MISSING FROM THE TUSCANIA ARE 166

London, Feb. 8.—The British Admiralty tonight informed The Associated Press that the latest figures on the Tuscania disaster showed that 2,235 persons had been saved and that about 166 were missing.

The saved, it was added, included 118 American officers and 1,917 American men; 16 officers and 189 men of the crew and six passengers.

The bodies of 196 American troops have been recovered.

Of the 148 survivors landed on the Scottish coast, 134 belonged to the United States army, including seven officers. Of these one officer and 25 men are remaining where they landed to attend to the funeral arrangements for the American dead.

FOOD HOGS ALLOW EGGS TO SPOIL

Ottawa, Feb. 8.—W. F. O'Connor, cost-of-living commissioner, issued tonight an interesting report dealing with the quantities of eggs in storage on February 1st. He reiterates his opinion expressed in an earlier report, that "existing prices are unjustifiable." He maintains that "the payment of an unjustifiable price by purchasers intending to resell is no justification for the demand on an unjustifiable re-selling price."

The present report deals particularly with Montreal and states that during the month of January 9,993 dozens of eggs were lost in that city through spoiling. On February 1st, Mr. O'Connor declares, Montreal egg operators held more than double the quantity of eggs on hand than on February 1st, 1917.

THE WEATHER

Maritime—Fresh to strong south and southwest winds; mostly cloudy to mild with some light local snow or rain.

Toronto, Ont., Feb. 11.—The weather has been quite mild today in the lakes region and has turned milder in Quebec and the Maritime Provinces, while in Manitoba it has become somewhat colder again.

	Min.	Max.
Dawson	26	18
Prince Rupert	30	38
Victoria	38	44
Vancouver	34	38
Kamloops	30	36
Edmonton	24	32
Saskatoon	12	17
Moosejaw	29	31
Regina	17	25
Winnipeg	8	28
Port Arthur	12	34
Parry Sound	12	38
London	25	43
Toronto	26	43
Kingston	4	33
Ottawa	10	18
Montreal	6	28
Quebec	8	18
St. John	2	18
Halifax	0	20

—Below zero.

Colds Cause Headache and Grip.
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ASTIR AT THE TREASON TRIAL

Torpedo Expert Admits One of Gyroscope Parts Was Slightly Defective.

New York, Feb. 11.—The contention of the government in the trial of Paul C. H. Hennig, on a charge of treason, that the partial mutilation of gyroscope parts crippled the operation of a torpedo, was disputed by Hugo P. Paulin, superintendent of the gyroscope department of the E. W. Bliss Company, torpedo manufacturers, when he took the stand for the defence at the resumption of Hennig's trial in the Brooklyn federal court today. Paulin also asserted that the parts in question were twice inspected after they left Hennig's department, first by the company's inspectors and finally by the government inspectors, headed by Lieut. Shea, U.S.N.

Threatened Man.

The witness declared that had feeling had developed between Hennig and Shea preceded the dismissal of Hennig and that the latter after his dismissal had threatened to take the matter up with the proper authorities at Washington and had promised to fix "Shea" whom he held responsible for his dismissal.

There was a stir in court when the witness, after examining the many alleged defective "gyro" parts introduced in evidence by the government, declared that three of them were faulty and one was only "one thousandth part of an inch imperfect." The latter he declared would have no bad effect on the gyroscope if properly adjusted.

BIG AUTO EXHIBIT

Washington, Feb. 8.—More than 700 mercantile and manufacturing concerns from allied and neutral countries will participate this year in the international samples fair at Lyons, according to an official despatch today from France. The total number of participants, including the French, will exceed 2,800, an increase of 200 over last year.

The increase will be principally among automobile manufacturers and metal goods makers.

BAKERIES MUST GET LICENSES

Hotels, Restaurants and Other Public Eating Houses Not Included in Bread Order.

Ottawa, Feb. 11.—Licensing of bakery establishments using five barrels of flour or more per month and standardization of bakery products is provided for in an order of the food controller. Hotels, restaurants and other public eating houses, baking only for the use of their patrons and not offering their products for sale to the public over the counter, are not required to obtain a baker's license.

The order makes it illegal, on and after March 1st, for any baker to make bread, rolls, pastry or other bakery products without written permission from the food controller, from which the flour other than the standard flour already prescribed.

STRIKE FAILING

Buenos Ayres, Feb. 11.—The railway strike apparently is falling through the refusal of Italians and Britons to quit work. These men have declined to leave their jobs notwithstanding the threats of Spanish agitators to destroy property.

Boston, Feb. 8.—The Rev. Frederick W. Buis, former pastor of the First Baptist church, Salem, is the plaintiff in a \$25,000 suit for alleged slander against Leroy B. Philbrick, a prominent parishoner of the church, and one of Salem's most prosperous merchants. The case was opened in the Superior Civil Court at Salem.

A confession, offered by Mr. Buis' counsel as having been written and signed by the defendant, in which Mr. Philbrick is alleged to have admitted certain statements made by him against his former pastor were untrue and known to be untrue by the writer, was a part of the declaration read by Elbridge R. Anderson, counsel for the plaintiff.

SMUGGLED MAIL

An Atlantic port, Feb. 10.—Rient Sobering, second steward on the Dutch liner Nieuw Amsterdam, which arrived here Thursday, was held in \$25,000 bail by a federal commissioner here today on a charge that he attempted to smuggle mail into the United States.

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LESSARD ARRIVES

Halifax, Feb. 11.—Major-General Lessard has arrived here from Ottawa and today took over his duties as officer commanding No. 6 Military District, in succession to General Benson.

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ITALY TURNING OUT MORE GUNS

Industrial War Efficiency of Contry Has Increased Thirty Times Over in 2-1-2 Years.

Rome, Feb. 12.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press)—The industrial war efficiency of Italy has increased thirty times over within two and a half years, according to Dr. Albert Deliole, minister of arms and munitions. "We were able to turn over three hundred cannon during the month of November to replace those lost to the enemy in October," he said. An idea of what has been accomplished may be gathered from the fact that whereas previous to Italy's entrance into the war we had about 125 incompletely equipped factories, employing 125,000 workmen, today we have 3,500 factories going and we now have 4,000 employing over 700,000 workmen, of whom 180,000 are women, and 45,000 are boys. Of these 3,550 factories, 1,750 are classified as auxiliary and 1,800 as major shops. This is a creation of which Italy may well be proud.

NO LABOR SHORTAGE

Washington, Feb. 11.—President Campers, of the American Federation of Labor, told the Senate Commerce Committee today there is no shortage of labor in the United States, but a maladjustment of labor conditions has resulted in a slowing up of war work which can be met only when a proper adjustment is made.

DEMOCRATS FOR WOMAN SUFFRAGE

Twenty-Eight States Favor Reform and Fourteen Oppose.

Washington, Feb. 11.—Endorsement of federal amendment for women suffrage was voted by executive committees of National Democratic committees here today after a referendum of the committeemen representing the 48 states.

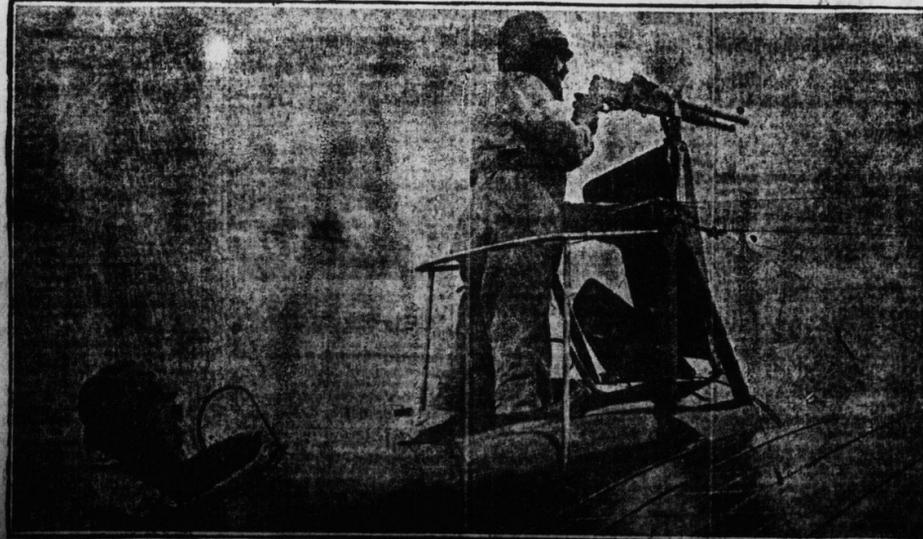
In the executive committee the vote was 6 to 2. Of the 48 state members of the national committee 28 had voted for the amendment; 14 had voted against it and six had not been recorded.

WARSHIPS SENT ON ERRAND OF MERCY

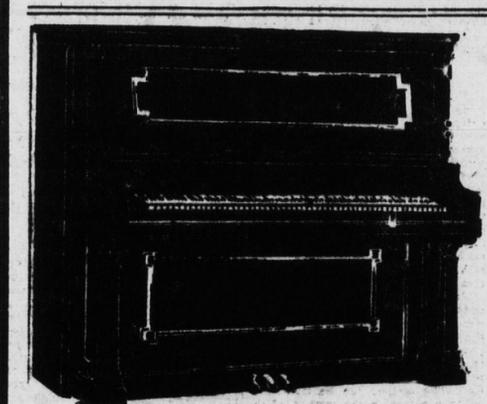
Bangor, Feb. 8.—A special to the News from Bar Harbor says the U. S. scout cruiser Cherokee stationed here, went on an errand of mercy yesterday and may be the means of saving the life of a little child. An appeal to the commandant here was received from Islesford, Cranberry Isles, from Chester Sawyer, the mail carrier there, whose three-year-old daughter had been seriously burned by her clothes taking fire while playing near the stove. So critical was her condition that hospital treatment appeared the only means of saving her life.

The Cherokee was got under way at once and although encountering considerable ice, made a quick run to Islesford and back, arriving here with the child last night. At the hospital tonight it was said that the little girl has an even chance for recovery.

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